

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 35-58 and 62-68 are pending in the application. Claims 35, 42, 45, 53 and 65 are independent. Claims 1-34, 59-61 and 69-74 have been cancelled. Claims 53, 59 and 69 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 35-41, 45, 46, and 62-64 have been allowed.

In view of the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of August 5, 2009, applicants submit the following claim amendments.

Allowed claim 35 has been amended to remove an extraneous comma.

Claim 42 has been amended to include all of the features of allowable dependent claim 59. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw any previous rejections, and submit that claim 42 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 43-44, 47-52 and 54-58 depend either directly or indirectly to claim 42. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw any previous rejections to these claims, and submit that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 53 has been objected to by the Examiner as being dependent on a rejected claim. Applicants have rewritten claim 53 in independent form, including all the features of any intervening base claims. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw any previous objections, and submit that claim 53 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that no new fee is required for this independent claim since four independent claims have been canceled by the present amendment.

Claim 65 has been amended to include all of the features of allowable dependent claim 69. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw any previous rejections, and submit that claim 65 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 66-68 depend either directly or indirectly to claim 65. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw any previous rejections to these claims, and submit that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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